VOTING IN MONTANA ELECTIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When are the Federal elections held?

Federal elections are held every even-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (Primary Election) and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (General Election).

When are the Municipal elections held?

Municipal elections are held every odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September (Primary Election) and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (General Election).

Where can I check my voter registration, find the location of my polling place, and/or track my absentee ballot?

This information, and more, can be found on the Secretary of State's website at sos.mt.gov/Elections.

Do I have to vote in a Primary Election in order to vote in the General Election?

No, but voting in a Primary Election can help advance the candidate of your choice to the November General Election ballot.

What happens if I become ill on Election Day?

If you experience a sudden illness or emergency that falls between 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election and noon on Election Day, you may request that an absentee ballot be brought to your location.

How do I contact my county election office?

You can find the address and contact information for each of Montana's 56 county election offices on the Secretary of State's website at sos.mt.gov/Elections.

WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

Montana's Toll Free Voter Hotline

1-888-884-VOTE (8683)

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. YOUR MONTANA.

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights we share as Americans. As Chief Elections Officer,

I work to ensure that every qualified voter in Montana has the opportunity to vote.

Your vote is your voice. Don't miss the opportunity to



make a difference in your community. Register when you become eligible, and VOTE in the way that is right for you.

It's your vote. Your voice. Your Montana.

Linda McCulloch

Montana Secretary of State





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REGISTER TO VOTE



REGISTER TO VOTE - IT'S EASY!

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Montana for at least 30 days before the next election
- At least 18 years old on or before the next election

If you meet these requirements you can register by:

- Visiting your county election office and filling out a Voter Registration Card
- Filling out a card on the Secretary of State's website at <u>sos.mt.gov/Elections</u>, printing it and returning it in person or by mail to your county election office
- Filling out a card when getting or renewing your Montana driver's license or state ID

Sign Your Card

Before Returning It

To The County Election Office!



LATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Montana's voter registration laws are among the best in the nation. Regular and late registration periods give voters the opportunity to register at their own convenience, including on Election Day.

Late Registration:

- Begins 29 days before the election
- Closes on Election Day at 8:00 p.m.
- Must be done at your county election office, or the location designated by your County Election Administrator

Late registration is temporarily closed beginning at noon on the day before the election. It reopens on Election Day.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT



ANNUAL ABSENTEE LIST

Voting by absentee ballot is convenient, easy and secure. It is the clear choice for many Montanans.

Voters on the Annual Absentee List automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election in which they are eligible to vote. To sign up, choose the option when completing one of these forms:

- Annual Absentee List Application
- Application for Absentee Ballot
- Voter Registration Card

To remain on the Annual Absentee List, you must complete and return the *Annual Address Confirmation Card*, which the county election office will mail to you in January of each year.



Track Your
Absentee Ballot Online
MyVoterPage.mt.gov



VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Voters who are not on the Annual Absentee List may still vote by absentee ballot.

If you are not on the list, you must:

- Complete an Application for Absentee Ballot.
 Application forms can be found on the Secretary of State's website at sos.mt.gov/Elections
- Submit the signed application to your county election office by mail or in person before noon on the day before the election
- Once you receive your ballot packet, read the directions carefully and vote your ballot
- Return the ballot in the signed return envelope, by mail or in person, to your county election office by the close of polls on Election Day

VOTING INFORMATION



VOTING AT THE POLLS - BRING YOUR ID!

You must provide identification to vote at your polling place. If you do not have a photo ID card, you can provide a current voter confirmation card, bank statement, utility bill, paycheck, or another government document that shows your name and address.



VOTING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Every polling place and county election office is equipped with an AutoMARK voting machine. The equipment is designed to assist voters with a visual or mobility impairment.

AutoMARK machine features:

- Touch screen
- Braille markings
- Keypads with raised buttons
- Headphones to listen to the ballot choices



- Sip and puff personal device connections
- Visual and audio vote confirmations



MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

Absent military and overseas citizen electors can register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote their ballot electronically for all federal elections with the *Electronic Absentee System*.

Voters can track the status of their absentee ballot using the online tool, *My Voter Page*.



Access Our Online Election Tools sos.mt.gov/Elections